**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL****(INCLUDING FILING FEE AND/OR PETITION FOR  
EXTENSION OF TIME FEE)**

*Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective May 29, 2000  
provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)*

To: **Commissioner for Patents  
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Attorney Docket No.: 1614.1157

First Named Inventor	Nobuhiro AZUMA		
Application No.	09/817,225	Group Art Unit	3629
Filing Date	March 27, 2001	Examiner	Tan D. Nguyen
CPA Filing Date		Confirmation No	7935
Title of Invention	BUSINESS DEAL INFORMATION SYSTEM		

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

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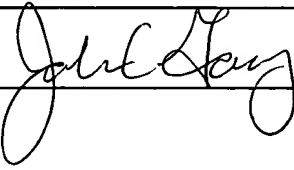
**Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 (Box a or b must be completed)**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other

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**Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required).
- b. ☐ Other

				<b>BASIC FEE</b>		<b>\$ 790.00</b>
Since an Official Action set an <u>original</u> due date of <u>November 5, 2204</u> , petition is hereby made for an extension of time to cover the date this RCE is filed, for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$110); 2 months (\$430); 3 months (\$980); 4 months (\$1,530); 5 months (\$2,080)):						
Claims As Amended	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Number Extra	Rate		
Total Claims	4	20	- 20 =	0	X \$ 18.00 =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	4	3	- 3 =	0	X \$ 88.00 =	\$ 0.00 (paid for with amendment filed herewith)
Suspension Fee (\$130.00)						
Total of above Calculations =						\$ 790.00
Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 C.F.R. 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).						
TOTAL FEES DUE =						\$ 790.00
4. <input type="checkbox"/> Small entity status: a. <input type="checkbox"/> Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status. b. <input type="checkbox"/> A Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status was previously filed and such status is still proper and desired. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is no longer claimed. 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Other:						
<b>6. METHOD OF PAYMENT</b>						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ <u>\$790.00</u> is enclosed. <input type="checkbox"/> Charge "TOTAL FEES DUE" to Deposit Account No. 19-3935. (A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.)						
<b>7. GENERAL AUTHORIZATION</b>						
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 (filing fees) or 37 C.F.R. 1.17 (processing fees) during the prosecution of this application and of any related application(s) claiming benefit hereof pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §120 to maintain pendency hereof and of any such related application to: <b>Deposit Account No. 19-3935.</b>						
<b>8. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS</b>						
STAAS & HALSEY LLP  <b>21171</b> <small>PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE</small>						
<b>9. SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED</b>						
NAME	John C. Garvey			REGISTRATION NO.	28,607	
SIGNATURE				DATE	11-5-04	



S&amp;H Form: (10/03)

**REPLY/AMENDMENT  
FEE TRANSMITTAL**

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Group Art Unit	3629
Examiner Name	Tan D. Nguyen

AMOUNT ENCLOSED

0.00

**FEE CALCULATION (fees effective 10/01/03)**

CLAIMS AS AMENDED	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Number Extra	Rate	Calculations
TOTAL CLAIMS	4	- 20 =	0	X \$ 18.00 =	\$ 0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	4	- 3 =	0	X \$ 88.00 =	88.00

Since an Official Action set an original due date of November 5, 2004, petition is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this reply is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$110)); (2 months (\$430)); (3 months (\$980)); (4 months (\$1,530)); (5 months (\$2,080)):

If Notice of Appeal is enclosed, add (\$340.00)

If Statutory Disclaimer under Rule 20(d) is enclosed, add fee (\$110.00)

Information Disclosure Statement (Rule 1.17(p)) (\$180.00)

Total of above Calculations =

\$ 88.00

Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (37 CFR 1.9, 1.27 & 1.28)

TOTAL FEES DUE =

\$ 88.00

- (1) If entry (1) is less than entry (2), entry (3) is "0".  
(2) If entry (2) is less than 20, change entry (2) to "20".  
(4) If entry (4) is less than entry (5), entry (6) is "0".  
(5) If entry (5) is less than 3, change entry (5) to "3".

**METHOD OF PAYMENT**

- ☒ Check enclosed as payment.
- ☐ Charge "TOTAL FEES DUE" to the Deposit Account No. below.
- ☒ No payment is enclosed and no charges to the Deposit Account are authorized at this time (unless specifically required to obtain a filing date).

**GENERAL AUTHORIZATION**

- ☒ If the above-noted "AMOUNT ENCLOSED" is not correct, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fees necessary to:
- |                      |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| Deposit Account No.  | 19-3935            |
| Deposit Account Name | STAAS & HALSEY LLP |
- ☒ The Commissioner is also authorized to credit any overpayments or charge any additional fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 (filing fees) or 37 CFR 1.17 (processing fees) during the prosecution of this application, including any related application(s) claiming benefit hereof pursuant to 35 USC § 120 (e.g., continuations/divisionals/CIPs under 37 CFR 1.53(b) and/or continuations/divisionals/CPAs under 37 CFR 1.53(d)) to maintain pendency hereof or of any such related application.

SUBMITTED BY: STAAS & HALSEY LLP

Typed Name John C. Garvey

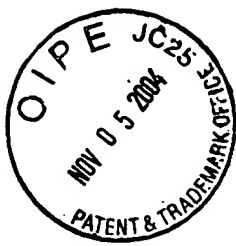
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Signature

Date

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Nobuhiro AZUMA

Serial No. 09/817,225

Group Art Unit: 3629

Confirmation No. 7935

Filed: March 27, 2001

Examiner: Tan D. Nguyen

For: BUSINESS DEAL INFORMATION SYSTEM

**AMENDMENT WITH RCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 5, 2004, and having a period for response set to expire on November 5, 2004. A Request for Continued Examination is being filed concurrently herewith.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.